

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action mailed June 2, 2004, with a shortened statutory period of three months set to expire September 2, 2004. Claims 1-102 are currently pending. With this amendment, claims 1, 8, 35, 42, 69, and 76 have been amended; claims 7, 41, and 75 have been canceled.

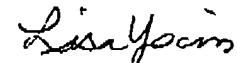
The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 23-40, 57-74, and 91-102 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,672,699 issued to *Black*.

The Examiner stated that claims 7-22, 41-56, and 75-90 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable. The claims have been amended to incorporate the features of original claim 7 into claim 1, incorporate the features of original claim 41 into claim 35, and to incorporate the features of original claim 75 into claim 69. Claims 8, 42, and 76 have been amended to correct claim dependency problems that arose with the cancellation of claims 7, 41, and 75.

All pending claims are now believed to be in an allowable form. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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